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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PRESS GUIDANCE ON REP WOLFF'S STATEMENT  
CONCERNING MEXICAN NARCOTICS PROGRAM

1. REP WOLFF'S COMMENTS REGARDING MEXICAN ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT, WHICH RECEIVED WIDE ATTENTION IN MEXICAN MEDIA (SEPTELS) MARCH 15, HAVE BEEN SUBJECT OF SHARP REBUTTAL BY GOM OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY LICENCIADO ALEJANDRO GERTZ. THERE IS SHARP RESENTMENT HERE OVER WOLFF'S IMPLICATIONS OF CORRUPTION AT HIGH LEVELS IN GOM.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S COMMENTS ON AND APPROVAL OF RESPONSE WHICH EMBASSY PLANS TO MAKE TO QUERIES ON STORIES CONCERNING WOLFF'S STATEMENT.

3. PROPOSED RESPONSE: "THE EMBASSY HAS NO COMMENT ON THE PRESS STORY THAT YOU REFER TO. HOWEVER, WE WISH TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION PRESIDENT FORD'S RECENT STATEMENT ABOUT THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-DRUG PROGRAM. IN ESSENCE, PRESIDENT FORD SAID THAT THE RESULTS OF THE MEXICAN ANTI-DRUG PROGRAM 'HAVE BEEN IMPRESSIVE' AND HE WAS LAUDATORY 'OF THE DEDICATION BY THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT' TO THE ANTI-DRUG PROGRAM. MR. FORD FURTHER SAID 'I AM EXTREMELY SATISFIED WITH THE COOPERATION WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING FROM PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AND THE MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT'".

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